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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ruppert et al.

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For: LOW FLOOR DRIVE UNIT ASSEMBLY FOR AN
ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN VEHICLE

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 5, 2003, Applicant requests consideration of the following arguments and amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) An automotive vehicle drive unit assembly comprising:

first and second driving axle shafts being co-linear and defining a lateral axis of rotation;

first and second wheel hubs driven by said first and second driving axle shafts respectively about said lateral axis of rotation to move a vehicle along a ground surface in a direction transverse to said lateral axis of rotation;

a first gear set for driving said first wheel hub;